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Your Honor,

Thank you for allowing public comment on the settlement of this case. I, as many professionals in the Silicon Valley, have been closely watching the Microsoft vs. United States anti-trust suit. I do not believe the proposed settlement goes far enough to punish Microsoft for their predatory and anti competitive behaviors.

Microsoft has shown no change in attitude or corporate policy to alter its monopolistic practices. The release of Windows XP in its current configuration is proof of their arrogance and disregard for the law. They behave as if the judgment against them has no meaning or is nothing more than an unwarranted scolding.

Before I was consultant I was an employee of General Electric and Hewlett Packard. These two companies always stressed the importance of the law and went to great lengths to insure they and their employees were not engaging in anti competitive practices and were operating within the guidelines of the law. If there was an activity within these companies that gave the slightest outward appearance that it might be viewed as being questionable in the eyes of the law it was immediately addressed. I have been appalled at the apparent lack of any similar practice within Microsoft.

I believe the original breakup order was the correct remedy for this case. In fact it may not have gone far enough. A break up of the company into three business units, one for operating systems, one for Internet applications and the last for business applications may eventually be needed before the decade is over.

There is a saying amongst my colleagues here in Silicon Valley that summarizes the power Microsoft wields in the computing business world. "Bring up the Windows OS and open any application, behind any button you push

there is a dead company."

Respectfully,

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